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## NRC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 TO DISCUSS HONEYWELL SPECIALTY CHEMICALS PLANT PERFORMANCE

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials will meet with management of the Honeywell Specialty Chemicals company on Monday, February 7, to discuss details of a recent Licensee Performance Review of regulatory safety compliance at the company's uranium processing plant near Metropolis, II.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CST) in the second floor courtroom of the Massac County Courthouse, located at 1 Superman Square, in Metropolis. The meeting is open to the public for observation, and NRC personnel will be available to answer questions from interested observers after the business portion of the meeting but before it is adjourned.

The NRC said the agency will continue heightened oversight of the plant's licensed operations, with special emphasis on development of, and adherence to, plant procedures and control room conduct of operations; emergency preparedness; and management organization and controls. The agency will also continue to closely monitor the plant's implementation of its long-term improvement plan.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of a January 11 letter and its enclosure, from the NRC to the company, by contacting the NRC Public Document Room toll free in Washington, D.C. at 1-800-397-4209.

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